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### **Anadarko pushes judge to slash environmental liability by billions**

Anadarko Petroleum Corp. and its Kerr-McGee Corp. subsidiary have asked a federal judge to cut billions of dollars from environmental and tort liabilities the companies allegedly owe.

The oil company contends it owes between \$850 million and \$1.8 billion to its former subsidiary Tronox Inc., a fraction of what a federal bankruptcy judge expects the company to pay after spinning off Tronox in 2005.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Allan Gropper ruled last month at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York that Anadarko owed between \$5 billion and \$14 billion (*Greenwire*, Dec. 13, 2013). Anadarko left Tronox saddled with environmental liabilities, which forced it to file for bankruptcy in 2009, the company has contended.

Anadarko Chairman and CEO Al Walker said in a statement that the company thought Gropper's calculations were not correct and may appeal the decision. Doing so could drag the legal process out for years, analysts said (Collin Eaton, *Fuel Fix*, Jan. 14). -- **SP**

### **Exposure rising to phthalates not covered by 2008 ban -- study**

Sam Pearson, E&E reporter

Five years after Congress banned from children's products several types of phthalates that were found to cause health problems, exposure to banned phthalates is down, according to new

research. But larger quantities of different phthalates are being found in the environment.

Amid public controversy over toy recalls, the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act in 2008 banned six types of phthalates from children's products (*Greenwire*, Aug. 14, 2008). The law also increased funding for the Consumer Product Safety Commission and toughened standards for lead paint in children's toys when it took effect in early 2009. The study released today is one of the first to examine phthalate exposure trends using a large sample of the U.S. population.

Despite the ban, manufacturers are still allowed to use several other types of phthalates in consumer products. Research published today in the journal *Environmental Health Perspectives* suggests companies are shifting to different forms of the compounds, used to soften plastic -- even though studies say they can cause health and reproductive problems.

"We were excited to see that exposure to some of the phthalates that are of public health concern actually went down," Ami Zota, an assistant professor of environmental and occupational health at George Washington University, who conducted the research while a fellow at the University of California, San Francisco, said in a statement. "Unfortunately, our data also suggest that these are being replaced by other phthalates with potential adverse health effects."

The 2008 law banned three types of phthalates -- BBzP, DnBP and DEHP. It also tentatively banned three others -- DnOP, DiDP and DiNP -- from toys that could enter a child's mouth. While the phthalates subject to the permanent ban showed decreases in exposure, two of the versions not banned permanently saw slight increases. The third, DiNP, saw a 150 percent increase in exposure, which the researchers suggested could be because industry is using it to replace the most harmful phthalates. California health officials recently added DiNP to the state's list of chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects or reproductive harm.

The European Chemical Agency has found DiNP being used more in the global market, including as a substitute for other phthalates in products marketed as "safer alternatives," according to the study.

Although no reporting requirements exist for consumer products in the United States, making it difficult to know with certainty how the marketplace is changing, the trend "may have important implications for phthalates exposures," the study said.

Still, the study noted that the federal ban alone could not fully account for its findings. A phthalate used in fragrances that is not regulated either in the United States or Europe saw the largest reductions, which the study speculated could be due to production cuts or growing public awareness of phthalates as advocacy groups like the Campaign for Safe Cosmetics work to change consumer preferences.

The findings show "that actions by government and consumer groups can make a difference in exposures in all Americans," said Tracey Woodruff, the director of UC San Francisco's Program on Reproductive Health and the Environment, in a statement.

The study used data from 2001 to 2010 from 11,000 people who participated in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Health and Nutrition Examination survey, and was funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts, the Passport Foundation Science Innovation Fund and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

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